

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Emergency Services Commissioners

Carson County Emergency Services District No. 2

August 21, 2026

Attendees: Commissioner Dale Brooks Commissioner Josh Cook, Commissioner Cuyler McAnally, Commissioner Kelvin Ollinger

Also present: Brad Britten (WDVFD), Nelson Britten (WDVFD), Jacob Clifton (SKVFD), Vance Griffith (SKVFD), Ginna McCarty (GVFD), Brady Miller (GVFD), Mason Miller (GVFD), Tommy Preston, Jim Scott, Brent Stephens and Bruce Wilson (SKVFD)

Not Present: Commissioner Marvin Kramer

1. Call to Order
 - Commissioner McAnally called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Receive Public Comment and Conduct the Public Hearing/Open Forum to Allow Interested Parties to Address the Board of Commissioners and Be Heard Regarding the Proposed Property Tax Rate Setting.
 - WDVFD Fire Chief Brad Britten felt it might be an advantage for ESD 2 to investigate sales tax revenue. He commented that there are an additional 2 cents available, but if a different special district were to grab the additional 2 cents, it would be gone and ESD 2 would not be able to get it. He felt this might be a more sustainable option for the future since property taxes are continuing to decline. He did not speak against the proposed tax rate. There were no other public comments.
3. Public Hearing on Tax Increase Concluded at 7:05 PM.
4. To Consider and Adopt the District's 2027 Budget – Commissioner McAnally reported that after the tax evaluation, ESD 2 is receiving about \$49,000 less than what was originally thought. As a result, each department will receive \$140,000.
 - Motion to adopt the District's 2027 Budget made by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Ollinger.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
5. To Adopt the District's 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service, the District's 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations and the District's 2026 Total Ad Valorem Tax Rate.
 - Motion to adopt agenda items 5, 6 and 7 made by Commissioner Ollinger.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Commissioner Brooks – Aye, Commissioner Cook – Aye, Commissioner McAnally – Aye, Commissioner Ollinger – Aye. The motion passed.
6. Receive Public Comments Regarding Regular Agenda Items.
 - There were no public comments.
7. Approve the Minutes of the Prior Meeting.
 - Motion to approve the minute from the prior meeting made by Commissioner Ollinger.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
8. Review, Discussion and Action on the District Financial Report and Any Necessary Action Regarding the District's Investments, and Payment of the District's Bills Including

Quarterly Service Provider Payments – Commissioner McAnally gave the financial report in Commissioner Kramer’s absence.

- Motion to approve payment to the City of Groom for the start-up legal fees, payment to legal counsel, payment to VFIS Insurance and quarterly service provider payments made by Commissioner Cook.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
9. Receive July 2026 Reports from District Service Providers and Any Necessary Action.
- Jacob Clifton, Chief of Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department (SKVFD) reported on behalf of SKVFD.
 - Mason Miller, Chief of Groom Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) reported on behalf of GVFD.
 - Brad Britten, Chief of White Deer Volunteer Fire Department (WDVFD) reported on behalf of WDVFD.
10. Review, Discussion and Action Regarding an Interlocal Agreement with the City of White Deer – The agreement was signed by Commissioner McAnally and the City of White Deer Mayor. No Action was taken.
11. Review, Discussion and Action Regarding an Interlocal Agreement with Gray County and Hoover VFD – Commissioner McAnally reported that he has been contacted by Judge Porter and Hoover VFD requesting they receive payment of \$640 each time they provide mutual aid in District territory due to District departments receiving that amount when providing mutual aid in Gray County. The Commissioners discussed having a specific contract with Hoover VFD stating there will be no billing for disregarded calls, and they must follow Incident Command.
- Motion to approve starting the process of drawing up a contract with Hoover VFD made by Commissioner Cook.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
12. FY 2026 Ad Valorem Tax Report –The Board reviewed current tax collections. Tax collections were reported at approximately 98.44%.
13. Review, Discussion and Action Regarding the 2026 District SCBA Capital Project – Commissioner McAnally noted that the delivery date was pushed to December. He also noted that they must fill out the escrow form to lock in their rates.
14. Review, Discussion and Action Regarding the WDVFD Tender Grant – Chief Britten presented and the Commissioners asked to see some other quotes, specifically for a used tender. No action was taken.
15. Review, Discussion and Action to Confirm the Date for Future Meetings Including the Next Regular District Meeting, and to Discuss Agenda Items Needed for those meetings – Next meeting is September 15 at 7:00 PM at the WDVFD Fire Station.
16. Adjournment
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM made by Commissioner Ollinger.
 - Seconded by Commissioner Brooks.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
 - Next meeting: September 15, 2026, at 7:00 PM at WDVFD.
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